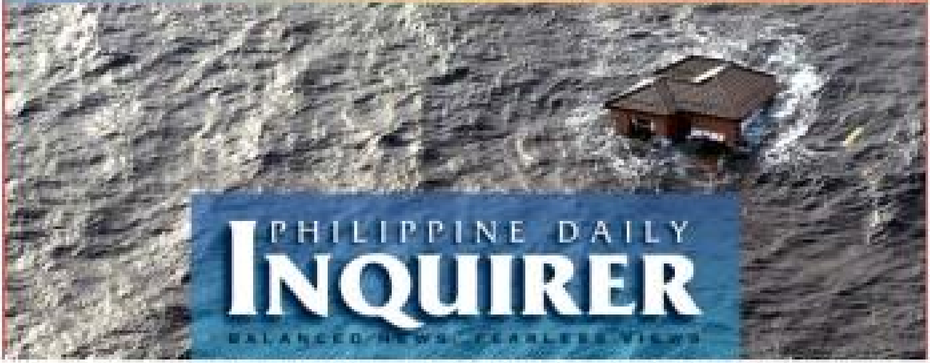
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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

WHERE THE HOME IS. A Japanese house is seen adrift in the Pacific Ocean in this photograph released by the US Navy on Monday.

Japan faces nuke disaster

Catastrophe 'very high risk' after blast, fire at 2 reactors



RADIATION ALERT. A baby is checked for radiation in Fukushima prefecture, on Tuesday. Some 70,000 people residing within a 20-km radius from the disabled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station have fled. The spreading cloud of radiation has added misery to millions of people in the devastated northeast Japan.

TOKYO—Japan's nuclear crisis verged toward catastrophe on Tuesday after an explosion damaged the vessel containing the nuclear core at one reactor and a fire at another reactor spewed large amounts of radioactive material into the air.

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"We are on the brink. We are now facing the worst-case scenario," said Hiroaki Koide, a nuclear reactor engineering specialist at the Research Reactor Institute of Kyoto University.

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JAPAN/A9

'China Syndrome' explained, 2 survivors found after 92 hours / A21



'Scene from hell': Panic hits Tokyo; 70,000 flee nuclear zone

TOKYO—Canned goods, batteries, bread and bottled water vanished from store shelves and some residents began to leave, as panic swept Tokyo on Tuesday and the government ordered thousands living near an earthquake-crippled nuclear power plant to stay indoors and avoid radiation sickness.

Some 70,000 people residing within a 20-kilometer radius from the disabled Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station northeast of the capital have already evacuated and 140,000 remain in the danger zone.

The widening cloud of radiation has added to the misery of millions of people in the devastated ...

HELL/A9

42 Pinoys missing; PH set to send rescue team

By Dona Z. Pazzibugan

THE PHILIPPINE Embassy in Tokyo released the names of 42 Filipinos reported missing in Friday's quake tragedy. [illegible]

42 PINOYS/A20



Better brush up on geography, says Phivolcs

By Jocelyn R. Uy, Niña Diaz and Kristine L. Alave

BETTER BRUSH UP on geography so you won't get fooled by text messages and erroneous information amid the radiation alert in Japan, the country's chief volcanologist said yesterday.

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BRUSH/A20

BIR chief retreats as solons swat AIR

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

FOR THE second time in less than a year in office, Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Commissioner Kim Henares has been forced to retreat on a controversial measure designed to boost revenues.

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BIR CHIEF/A9

'BANK RUN'

Banco Filipino blames BSP

By Jhunnex Napallacan, Irene Sino Cruz and Doris C. Dumlao

ALL BRANCHES of Banco Filipino Savings & Mortgage Bank in Cebu and Dumaguete City were closed yesterday, to the consternation of depositors.

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Taiwan eases up on OFWs

By Norman Bordadora and Jerome Aning

TAIWAN has agreed to lift the restrictions it had imposed on Filipinos applying for work visas, following a second visit to the island nation by former Sen. Mar Roxas, the personal emissary and chief troubleshooter of President Aquino.



ROXAS: Understanding, not apology

GSIS shortchanged retirees—COA

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By Nikko Dizon

Accused in tax credit scam wants arrest warrant nixed













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Corrections

Solons to Palace: Give new cities full IRA share

By Gil Cabacungan

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MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MAYOR



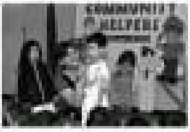
Seventy-four years after it was created by virtue of Commonwealth Act No. 51, Davao City has grown immensely. Over the last two decades we have seen tremendous progress in infrastructure and linkages, trade and communications, and human resource development. We have reaped various accolades both in our governance and in the capacity of our private sector. We have crafted landmark ordinances that have earned us the admiration of other cities. We continue to attract not only investors but people who have seen paradise in Davao. With all these, plus our perfect weather, we remain one of the best places to live in Asia. But more than all of these, we take pride in the wealth of talents of the Dabawenyo.

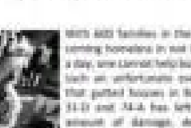
As a testament to the dynamism of the people and the industries of Davao, we have given our private sector this opportunity to take a more active role in the planning and implementation of the activities for this year's celebration of the Araw ng Dabaw. This year's Araw ng Dabaw demonstrates once again the strong partnership between the local government and the private sector. We believe that together, we can fully express what it means to be Dabawenyos as we continue to blaze newer trails while at the same time treasuring the beauty of our city's rich cultural heritage.

Mabuhay ang Dabawenyo, and Happy 74th Araw ng Dabaw!

SARA Z. DUTERTE



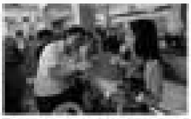
















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TOYOTA SURE ADVANTAGE

Ask your Toyota dealer about it.

TOYOTA moving forward

More Filipinos became jobless in January

By Philip C. Tubeza

Solon seeks accounting quake fund

By Cynthia D. Balana









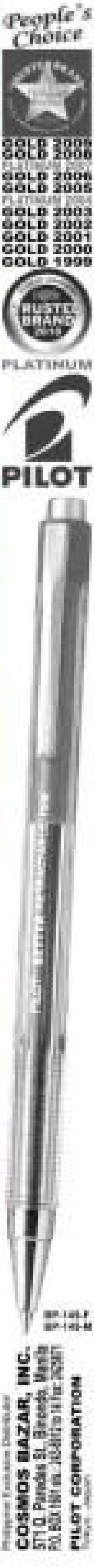
Another S. African is Mr. Gay World





Hostage taker's brother faces HK probe today





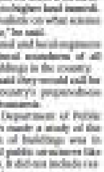


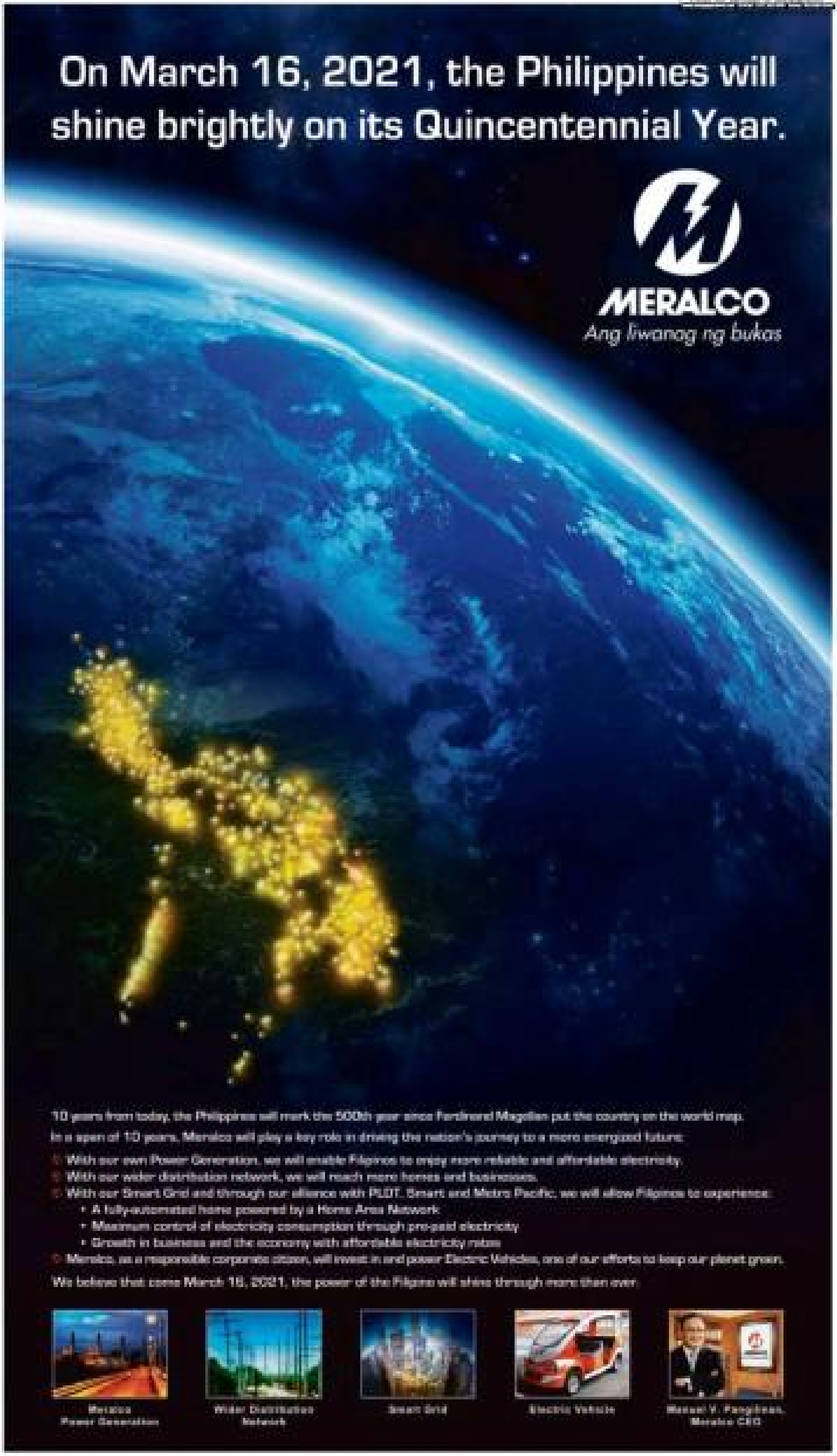
Phivolcs: Preparations of local gov't's urgent

THE HEAD of the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (Phivolcs) yesterday urged local executives to fine tune warning alerts and evacuation measures as coastal communities would have little time to prepare for a major tsunami.



Plastic bottle chapel to rise



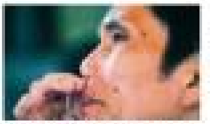

On March 16, 2021, the Philippines will shine brightly on its Quincentennial Year.
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10 years from today, the Philippines will mark the 500th year since Ferdinand Magellan put the country on the world map.
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2 govs back poll reset amid 'arm-twisting' rap



YELLOW ballot boxes, symbols of elections past, are stored at the Commission on Elections main office in Manila.

Militant survives Marcos, disappears under GMA



'But the bigger victory is that this proves to the world the guilt of Marcos'

Traveling for hours

'Escalante Massacre'

'Bigger victory'

1,000 Sorsogon villagers moved out

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Funeral shop helps families in need

'They should not seek politicians' help because that's tantamount to bad faith...'

Funeral parlor



Jacqui Magno gets Baguio wish, more

COTABATO AIRPORT BOMBER

Top terror suspect falls

Pinoys told to leave Bahrain



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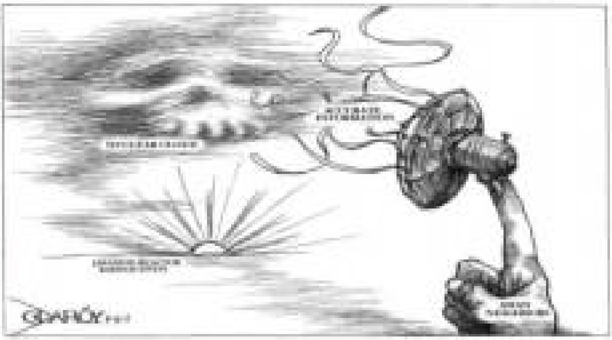


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Humanitarian crisis deepens

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Still open

Worried depositors

Smear campaign

Delisted

Emergency assistance

P25-billion plan

Big overdraft

BSP-managed

Solvent



BANK HOLIDAY

BIR chief retreats as lawmakers swat AIR plan; it's illegal, they say

Unconstitutional

Question Hour

"THIS DAY is the BEGINNING" MARCH 16, 2011 - 2012



Grace Galindez-Gupana

LAST CALL:
PHILIPPINES COME TO NATIONAL PRAYER

42 Pinoys missing; PH set to send rescue team

No relief goods

Self-sustaining

No need to panic

Better brush up on geography, says Phivolcs



Normal radiation

Other Asian countries

Not radiation antidotes

De Lima got message, too

Be discerning

PH, 3 neighbors to test Japanese food for radiation

Japan faces nuke disaster after blast, fire

2 survivors found after 92 hours

IN THE KNOW: 'China Syndrome'

'Scene from hell': Panic sweeps Tokyo; 70,000 flee nuclear zone

Bosh fires 30, Wade 29 as Heat melt Spurs

SPORTS



Azkals hang tough, oust Mongolians



By Cedelf P. Tupas

Match defeat tempers joy of qualification

By Cedelf P. Tupas



Tigers play new import vs Beermen

Road Warriors top Freego Jeans five



Donaire-Arum legal tiff looms

By Jasmine W. Payo



Lancer int'l junior tennis Tuesday

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SPORTSWATCH

WTJ's new derby schedules

PCC hosts Hillside cockfest

Douthit now Pinoy, bill lapses into law

By Jaro Navarro


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5 MPD cops in ransom probe surface



MANILA Mayor Alfredo Lim presents to reporters the five policemen blamed for the disappearance of around P12 million in ransom. The policemen went to city hall after Lim issued shoot-to-kill orders against them.

A DAY after Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim issued a shoot-to-kill order against them, five Manila policemen showed up at city hall to deny the allegation that they took millions of pesos in ransom money a Malaysian trader had paid his captors.

Denial

Firm affected by West Tower closure seeks compensation

INFORMATION DRIVE, REGULAR DRILLS PUSHED

Makati, Taguig get quake-ready

Barangay captain shot dead in front of house

Firm affected by ...

METROBRIEFS

2 robbers killed in shoot-out; 1 more arrested

Alleged car thief asks court for review

The WORLD

Europe split over safety of nuke plants

BRUSSELS—Austria on Monday called for European nuclear power plants to face stress tests to reassure people worried by the crisis in Japan while Britain and France urged calm.

Big earthquake likely to devastate California

WorldBriefs

Iran objects to foreign troops in Bahrain

Gadhafi pushes back rebels

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1,500 illegal migrants in Italy

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Gov't posts ₱13.4-B budget surplus

Customs, BIR collections increased sharply in January

THE GOVERNMENT posted a budget surplus of P13.4 billion in January as revenues jumped 47 percent, Finance Secretary Cesar V. Purisima said yesterday.

INDICATORS

PESO-DOLLAR RATE

43.820



STOCK MARKET

22.39



Stocks end lower

Remittances up 7.6% to $1.48B in January



BPO firm urges longer tax breaks, flexible labor laws

By Abigail L. Ho

Gov't posts P13.4-B

BANGKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS

ADVISORY

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Is your ATM card with your creditor?
Does your creditor know your PIN?

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Avoid giving or entrusting your ATM account/card and PIN to others because this may create more financial trouble. It would be difficult to monitor the deposits to your account and the withdrawals made by the person to whom you have given your ATM card and PIN. A creditor may withdraw more than the amount that you agreed upon to pay your debt. Understand very well the terms and conditions of your loan agreement. For your loan requirements, inquire directly from banks that offer microfinance loans or other small loan facilities.

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Uncomplicating the complicated



A new garden community rises in the East





Many Filipinos yearn to live in a community with a peaceful setting, viable environment and ample greenery. Having a community with affordable homes, green spaces and family-friendly vibes is what we hope for, and more importantly, what we try to achieve.

A green and secure community called Tropicana Garden City will soon be rising in the east, where residents can savor the bustling glow of the metropolis in their own garden city. The project is the second residential community to rise out of Embarcadero, a 17-hectare mixed-use development envisioned to provide a self-sustaining community complete with its own upbeat, modern and vibrant commercial center.

Flanked by the Sierra Madre mountain range in the north and the east and with dazzling display of city lights in the south and the west, the Tropicana Garden City is the perfect place for young couples, start-up families and growing families who'd like to begin their journey in a truly engaging community.

Drawing inspiration from the splendor of Spanish architecture, those who wish to enjoy the best of both worlds can actually feel right at home at Tropicana Garden City with its well-planned, space-efficient residential communities and resort-type amenities delightfully combining with the romance and mystique of the Old World.

With its enviable location along Sumulong Highway, the Tropicana Garden City is an ideal home environment. Its proximity to major business centers in the metro like Pasig, Makati and Quezon City makes it a striking landmark in the dynamic metropolis of the country's show capital.

Responsive to the needs of its residents, the development is adjacent to commercial establishments like hospitals, schools, supermarkets, and malls.

Tropicana Garden City is a welcome respite, a Spanish paradise right in the heart of the city. Exhibiting endless display of lush greenery, warm sunshine and wide open spaces, Tropicana Garden City is your green haven, a living community like no other.

The recent unveiling of Ibiza, a 4 x 12 level structure under the Tropicana Garden City development, accentuates the project's stance as a kid-friendly, comprehensive lifestyle project. Offering refreshing living spaces, would-be residents at Tropicana Garden City can choose from studio or 2 bedroom units. The units provide ample spaces for residents to grow in.

Moreover, Tropicana Garden City gives residents more than the basics, offering them a lifestyle like no other. Modern and first class recreational amenities abound, alleviating stress and enabling families to have more time for bonding moments. Fitness buffs will also have a grand time checking out its fully-equipped gym and the jogging path.

The residents who are always up for movement and adventure, the multi-purpose court, game room and adult swimming pool are ideal. Children also have their own slice of paradise with the kiddie pool, daycare and kid zone. Bonding time is best achieved at the clubhouse, pocket gardens and picnic areas. A study room/library is also available.

The pleasure of vibrant living awaits you at Tropicana Garden City, the new garden city in the East and its entire development — Embarcadero. For more information about the project, please call 681-0111 or 706-6249.

This charming new development comes from Horizon Land, a subsidiary of Federal Land, one of the country's most esteemed property owners and developers and the real estate arm of the Metrobank Group.

Business

CebuPac website gets more hits from would-be travelers worldwide

Japan woes to hurt PH industry

Some companies feel pinch as supply chain is disrupted

Japan woes to hurt PH industry

Nissan Extends Year of the Rabbit Promo

CebuPac website gets ...

Philippine Stock Exchange

Currencies

Ayala offering 10-yr bond worth ₱10B to beef up cash position

T-bond yield up 144.8 bps

NGCP to push through with interconnection plan

Run for Home, Build a Community

Globe's much-awaited marathon highlights the company's valuable partnership with Gawad Kalinga



Business

DOE imposes tighter oil inventory reporting rule

Firms told to detail actual, projected oil importation



A PARTNERSHIP BUILT TO LAST.

Prestone's drive for road safety thru "flush & fill" habit continues







MOTORING





Quake oaths

It pays to be prepared when the ground starts shaking

By Charles E. Buban



PEOPLE WALK on the road covered with damaged vehicles in Tagajo, Miyagi Prefecture after a massive earthquake and tsunami hit Japan on March 11.



Dune Bashing

4X4s offer an exciting alternative to riding camels in Dubai



On the Road



Aida Sevilla-Mendoza

LARGEST

INSTINCTIVE



BMW X3: Sweeter the second time around





Ford Club holds Grand EB event

Grand entry for new Cherokee



CATS Motors Inc. president Felix Ang, Chrysler Asia-Pacific managing director Brian Bradley, US Ambassador Harry Thomas and Patrick Wall of the US Embassy's Commercial Service.

By Abigail L. Ho

CATS MOTORS Inc., the official distributor of Mercedes-Benz and Chrysler vehicles in the country, is beefing up its Chrysler lineup this year starting with the recent launch of the 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee.

Robert Shaw, CATS Motors vice president for sales planning, said 15-20 percent of Chrysler sales in the Philippines should come from the new Jeep model. Local sales of Chrysler vehicles last year reached more than 300 units, led by the 300C full-size sedan.

"For 2011, our production plan (for the Jeep Grand Cherokee) is for 60-100 units. That can be flexible. Sales, on the other hand, will depend on the reception of the market. We have a few units here now, some are in transit, and some are in production," he relayed.



RICKY Razon, Jose Arcilla, BIR Commissioner Kim Henares, Felix Ang, Tommy Campos, Dan Navarro and Christopher Ostby

The 2011 version of the midsize luxury sport utility vehicle comes in two variants: the 3.6L Limited with a V6 VVT engine and the 5.7L Overland with a V8 MDS VVT engine. The 3.6L version sells for P3.69 million.

Shaw said the Jeep Grand Cherokee would not be competing with traditional Japanese, Korean, and American SUVs, but was positioned to go head to head with its European counterparts.

"In terms of craftsmanship, fit and finish, the Grand Cherokee has moved up the chain and is competing with European models," he said.

Apart from the Jeep Grand Cherokee, CATS Motors president Felix Ang said the local distributor would also be launching the new generation Chrysler 300c within the year. It was likewise planning to bring the Sebring mid-size sedan to the Philippine market.

For the Chrysler portfolio, he said sales should grow by around 50 percent.

"We're rebuilding the Chrysler group as a whole. The launch (of the Jeep Grand Cherokee) will reflect the direction of the new company," Shaw said. "We want to chip away at the competition as best as we can. We play in a select market. We can't grow to the thousands overnight, but that is something we would like to see happen."

Chrysler Asia Pacific managing director Brian Bradley said Asia Pacific was a significant market for Chrysler, with its top two markets in the world, China and Australia, found within the region.

"We'll continue to have very strong growth in the region. We expect to see a lot of good things in the next few months," he said, adding that while not the top contributor in terms of sales, the Philippines was also an important market for Chrysler.

Total sales of CATS Motors last year hit 908 units, according to data from the Chamber of Automotive Manufacturers of the Philippines Inc. As of end-February, sales were up 20.2 percent to 164 units from 136 units in the same period last year.



TEODY Caronia, Bobby Andrews, Mark Reyes and Marc Nelson



THE 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee



FELIX Ang and Brian Bradley in front of the 2011 Jeep Grand Cherokee

Subaru Society-Castrol Team tops STV Auto Rally

THE SUBARU Society-Castrol Team recently completed a smashing performance in the 2011 STV Auto Rally with a neat 1-2 finish, well on its way to capturing the overall championship.

Fielding four of its hot-selling cars for the competition, the team recorded the best time to show up a field of 37 cars for the coveted championship.

The Subaru Society-Castrol contingent carried the banner of Motor Image Pilipinas, the official distributor of Subaru in the country.

Team Subaru Society-Castrol fielded four vehicles led by its team captain Eric Salvo, Marchi Aurelio and Jo Valera in a Subaru Legacy.

Joining them in the team are Rally David, Joey Binamira and Chen Gobingquek in an Impreza STI. Last year's "Tandem Champions," Albert Garcia and Raul Flores were joined by Nico Panganiban in the Forester 2.0 Turbo, and Manolo Ongpin, Carlo Villanueva and Jan Gomez who were in a Subaru Tribeca.

The team of Salvo, Aurelio and Valera also cornered the other overall champion for this year's event beating the other field of competitors composed of rally veterans and prominent members of the motoring media driving for automotive brands.

Complementing their strong finish was the trio of David, Binamira and Gobingquek who took second overall, that secured the overall championship for Team Subaru Society-Castrol.

The STV Auto Rally, which is also popularly known as the "Sampaguita Rally," is a race event where the participants are required to be "on-time, all the time."

Checkpoints are located throughout the course of the race where the competitors are required stop and record their time for each sector. One penalty point is given for every second above or below the prescribed time for each particular checkpoint. The team with the least penalty points is then declared winner.

This year's STV Auto Rally was held last March 5 at Subic Bay where participants flagged off at the Subic International Airport. Six checkpoints were situated in different locations of the Freeport where the competitors were supposed to hit in their time.

Aside from the "Individual" and "Overall" Championship, checkpoint awards were also given to those having the most precise time for each sector where Team Subaru won 5 of the 6 checkpoints in the rally, which contributed to the team's victory.

The success of Team Subaru is the result of the combined efforts of Subaru Society, Castrol Philippines and Motor Image Pilipinas.

Test drive

The fuel-conscious Autobot



TRAFFIC-STOPPER: For sure, you can't blame the gridlock on the Spark, a collaboration of design experts from around the world.





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AT P568,000, the Spark actually offers more than it asks for



UNIQUE passenger door knob by the window frame.

Paper comparisons

Cost of maintenance







Symbolisms on the road

SKID MARKS



Botchi Santos

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New breed of Volvos driven by champions

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Sneak Peek

Jazz in time







Dynamically, everything underneath and under the hood (of the Honda Jazz MC2011) is still the same so both power and handling are where they should be: excellent

LIFESTYLE Home & Entertaining

Architecture, design, art, lifestyle fuse in 1016 Residences

Cebu is abuzz with Ayala Land Premier launch

THE LAUNCH of 1016 Residences—a project of Ayala Land Premier geared to become the seat of urban luxury in Cebu—couldn't have come at a better time.

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ARCHITECTURE C3



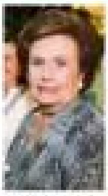




AYALA Land Sales Inc. GM Betty Reantaso(?), 1016 Residences project development manager Mia Rodriguez, Ayala Land Inc. SVP and Corporate Marketing and Sales Group head Ma. Mendoza, Ayala Land Premier marketing head Eunice Arcojo, 1016 Residences marketing and sales officer Bettina Agravo(?), 1016 Residences project development officer Joan Yap



ROSEBUD Sala and Harrison Reinares(?)



CARMEN Campbell

Architecture, design, art, lifestyle fuse in 1016 Residences



WATERFRONT general manager Marco Protasio, Cebu's style maven Teresita Mendezona (right) and Annie Ringor(?)

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"Our intent was to represent what 1016 Residences will stand for through global ideals and imagery as interpreted by each of our honored designers," says Eunice Arcojo, marketing head of Ayala Land Premier.

Noting Cebu's unique charm, the ingenuity of Cebuanos, and their passion for world-class design, the event brought to the fore the rise of a home that mirrors the same standards shown by Edwin Ao, Ann Estarris, Arcy Gayatin, Philip Rodriguez, Cary Santiago and Protacio Empaces.

In interior design, Walter Gonzales and Daisy Flores, Melissa Espedosa and Karmina Bellosa showcased their work to illustrate the lifestyle represented by 1016 Residences.

"It's a visual convergence of art, design, architecture and lifestyle. And we are glad to have been able to showcase this for 1016 Residences, which is poised to be the seat of urban luxury within Cebu," says Arcojo.



GRAND elevated stage is used to showcase Cebu's fine furniture and fashion designs at the Terraces of Ayala Center



EUNICE Arcojo, Ayala Land, Inc. division manager and Ayala Land Premier marketing head; Bernard Vincent Dy, Ayala Land, Inc. SVP and Residential Business Group head



DAINTY floral centerpiece at the 1016 Residences launch



AMENITY Deck at 1016 Residences



TYPICAL 2BR master bedroom



CITYSCAPE Suite living and dining rooms



TYPICAL 2BR living and dining rooms



CITYSCAPE Suite living and dining rooms



CITYSCAPE Suite roof deck



MAKESHIFT stands on display

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LAYER objects for height.

REUSE, RE-PURPOSE, refresh—that's the order of the day.

The world has many things in abundance, inevitably much is put to waste. If we reuse the most mundane and seemingly ordinary things we have stored up, we will discover that many of them are perfect for reusing, re-purposing and renewing.

Reuse

Cups, covers, lids of decorative boxes, perfume bottles and containers can double up as picture-perfect stands for precious antique jars or other collectibles.

Re-purpose

Ashtrays, bowls or plates can be flipped over and converted into stands. They can be used to hold other items or perch decorative accessories on.

Refresh

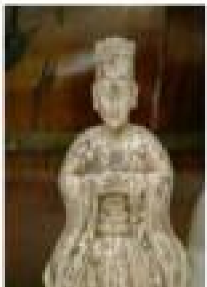
Acrylic stands are a subtle way to display things without stealing focus from the object. Using them can create a play of height and balance.



INVERTED ash trays make for a perfect platform.



ANTIQUE jar perched on a simple box





PUTTING decorative figurines and vases on a platform showcases these objects.

BSP prohibits issuance of pre-approved credit cards

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas, it was reported, has issued new, and revised some existing, regulations on credit cards. Although the rules do not cover an issue that has been of great interest (pun intended) to consumers recently—interest rates—they include at least two regulations that many people would welcome.

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

New BSP regulations also address problem of arrogant, abusive collection agencies

Among other things, the revised regulations prohibit credit card companies from issuing pre-approved credit cards. This should be welcome news to many people.

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Getting worse

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Landscaping seminar

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LIFESTYLE Parenting

Little angels dress up for their baptism

Romantic christening gowns by Katrina Goulbourn Babes are in neutral shades, inspired by French and Victorian lace







From Leandro Locsin to Modern Glam, landmark from the '60s gets a 'sexy' makeover

Ivy and Cynthia Almario lend their distinctive touch to what used to be Hyatt, now Midas Hotel and Casino













Metro Manila Chamber Orchestra performs at Miriam



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Photo workshop at BenCab Museum



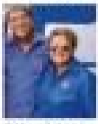
Little angels dress up for their baptism






Champagne flowed for the game of kings and royals






Without Batting an Eyelash

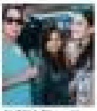
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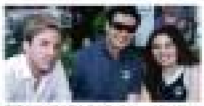
A princess' birthday

Keeping it green

Bob Z's baby girl comes home for a visit



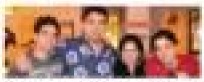
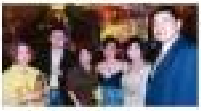

Daddy's girl comes home

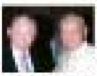











ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde

Backstories equal skills in reality cooking show

Photos and text by Marisol B. Cruz



CEBU—Brenda Sandalan, 22, used to peddle food to buy medicine for her ailing mother. Nanay Leonida's recent passing left Brenda feeling like life had lost all meaning.

During auditions for the new reality show "The Search for the Kitchen Superstar" in SM City Cebu, Brenda brought her version of "Pork a la Pobre." She said in Filipino, "One of my brothers works in a restaurant in Davao. He taught me how to make this."

Brenda said her mother used to cook lumpia and siomai, which she (Brenda) then sold in public hospitals, schools and government offices. When Nanay got sick, Brenda started cooking, too.

"It's physically tiring to do it all by yourself," said Brenda, who grew up in Davao, the youngest of eight children. At the time of the auditions, she had stopped selling street food and was working as server for a catering group.

Lionel Larreta, 20, a cashier in a cell-card store, brought a dish that she called "Stuffed Beans with Pineapple" to the screening. She said, "It's delicious but affordable. I thought of it just this morning. It would have tasted better if I had more money for other ingredients."

Lionel and her six-month-old daughter Mary Madeline are just recovering from a fire that razed their home in Mandaue City. They are currently living at a makeshift home with light plywood for walls, and tarpaulin sheets for a roof. Lionel plans to rebuild their house if she wins the contest.

She learned to cook at age 10, Lionel said. She used to make puto, balls and coconut macaroons, which she sold for P1 each in school. Her skills improved, she said, when she worked as a household helper in Manila for three years.

Erwin Nepomuceno, 22, arrived from Barangay del Norte on the morning of the auditions. He came up with "Tofu Steak." "It's easy to cook, he said. "I bought ingredients from the supermarket." A nursing graduate, Erwin was among 55 applicants who passed the first round of a two-day screening.

Michael John "MJ" Nicasio, 19, wanted to study Culinary Arts but his parents, who run a carinderia in their hometown in Bukidnon, disapproved. "They said it wasn't practical." MJ majored in English instead. But when he left Bukidnon two years ago to try his luck in Cebu, he was hired as waiter in a posh restaurant in Mandaue.

"Kitchen Superstar," to be hosted by actor-restaurateur Marvin Agustin, premieres on GMA 7 in April. From the 200 who came here, only three will fly to Manila for the competition proper.

A grand champion will be chosen from 22 contestants.



CHEF Edward Bugia presides in the first challenge of the day.



PRODUCTION staff member Jerwin Ubaldo announces the names of those who passed the initial round.

The others auditioned in Manila, Pampanga, Pangasinan, Iloilo, Naga and Davao. The winner will walk away with a cash prize of P1 million.

"More than skills, interesting backstories will decide which contestants will stay on the show," said Marvin. "The cooking will surely improve as the show progresses."



EIGHT of the first-day hopefuls. At the end of the Cebu screening, only three were to be picked for the competition proper in Manila.

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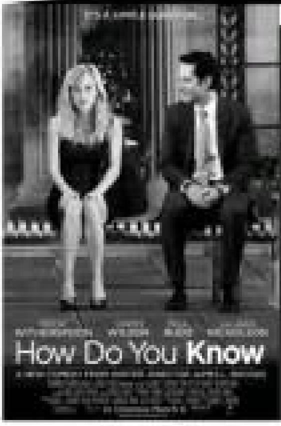


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Charlie Sheen, from hero to heel



Nestor U. Torre

AFTER Mel Gibson's shocking fall from grace two years ago, it's Charlie Sheen's turn to go from hero to heel this season, with his addiction, temper and self-control issues, which have prompted the suspension of his hit TV series, "Two and a Half Men."

The decision to stop production on the popular sitcom was particularly galling for its producers, because its ratings were flying so high this year that, with its lead star's psychological health in question, the expensive decision had to be made.

Naturally, Sheen was dismayed and outraged at the unexpected decision to put his hit show on hold. Now, the highest-earning star on television (as close to $2 million per episode), he stands to lose mega millions if the decision is not reversed.

Instead of placating his employers, however, Sheen has opted to take the aggressive, "attack dog" approach, unsuccessfully attempting to shame his bosses into submission. He's accused them of ... of their own, which they in turn have vehemently denied.

Sheen insists that he's now drug-free and ready to resume work. But, not many people believe him, because his recent interviews on TV have presented him in a very bad light—nasty, combative, and far from being at peace with himself and his demons. To make things worse, an "at home" interview recently showed him with his kids and two "sleep-in" girlfriends!

If Charlie did it to shock, ... the more quickly proved to be counterproductive, because viewers were shocked instead of impressed—and the children were taken away from him.

Sheen obviously thinks he's ... but with the public now turning against him, he could be dead wrong. The latest salvo: He's been fired from "Two and a Half Men."

How will this sad and sorry saga resolve itself? Based on Mel Gibson's own fall from grace, there could be no happy ending for Sheen as well. Gibson did try to make amends by going into rehab and ... but his star has yet to blaze brightly again, and some actors have made it known that they don't want to come with him.

The irony, of course, is that, previous to his debacle, Gibson was one of the most admired luminaries in Hollywood, with his film on Jesus Christ winning accolades and grossing hundreds of millions of dollars. But everything went down the drain when he revealed the "monster" within.

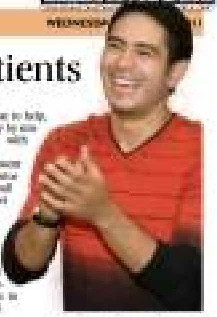
Let's hope that the viewing public's verdict on Sheen won't be as harsh. The TV series needs his roguish and edgy brand of comedy, as the huge ratings of his hit sitcom have indicated for years.

But, he first has to sincerely come to his senses and apologize, before viewers can say, "Apology accepted."



CHARLIE Sheen

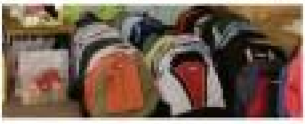
Gerald spends birthday with young cancer patients



Stars For Others







Electronics exports hit record high

By Abigail L. Ho

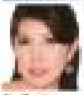
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Always caught in triangle with girls, gays Rushes/F4



2 new TV5 recruits, if all goes well

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Dolly Anne Carvajal

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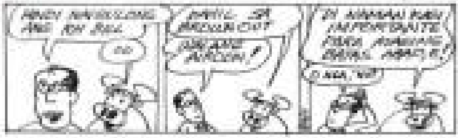
Heart-to-heart talks

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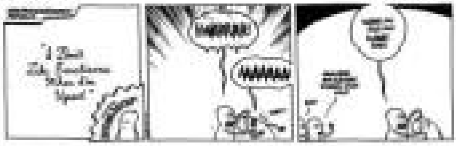


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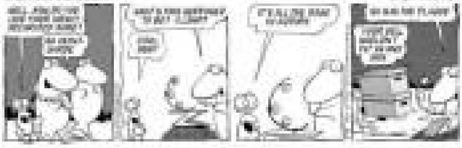




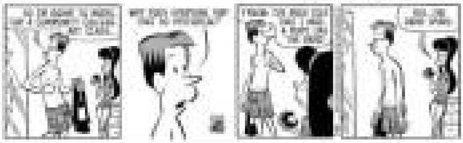
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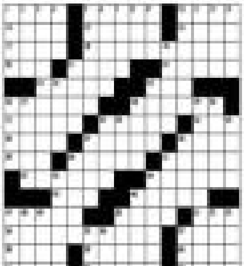
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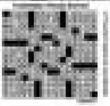
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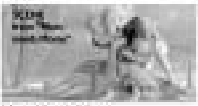
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Mars Needs Moms

Directed by Simon Wells, with the voices of [illegible]

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AARON Eckhart

World Invasion: Battle Los Angeles

Directed by Jonathan Liebesman; stars Aaron Eckhart, Bridget Moynahan, Michelle Rodriguez, Ne-Yo, Michael Peña [illegible]

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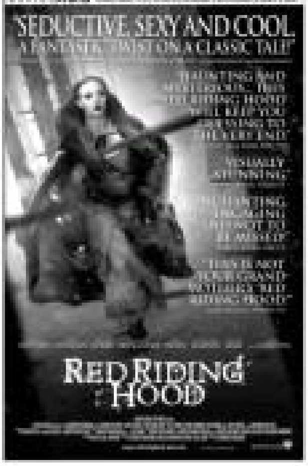
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All-star benefit concert to aid Tucson victims

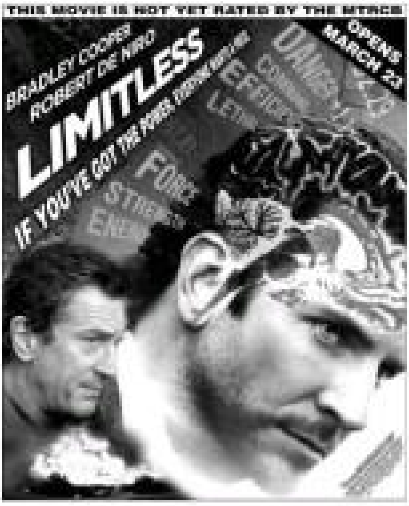
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Actor always caught in a triangle with girls—and gays

By the Entertainment staff

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Boss from hell

Coach before comeback



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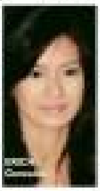


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Gibson: No contest

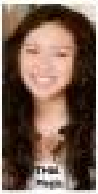
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By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
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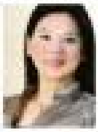
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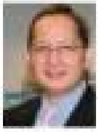
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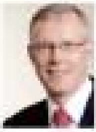
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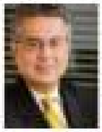
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The Highlights of WORLDBEX 2011

By Jackie Miguel

Already on its 16th year, the WORLDBEX 2011 happening on March 16-20, 2011 at the World Trade Center Metro Manila (WTCMM) provides highlights that are sure to hold the interest of its numerous expected delegates and participants.

This year marks the 15th Worldbex Seminars series. Initially launched in 1996, the seminars this year will be held from March 17-19 at the Philippine Trade Training Center (PTTC). There are 12 prestigious local and foreign speakers who will tackle a range of topics from green architecture, urban planning, sustainable designs and new environment alternatives in the fields of architecture and construction. Among the topics to be discussed during the three-day stretch are "The Challenges & Opportunities of Green Cities" by Architect Nathaniel Von Einsiedel on Day One; "Global Best and World Practices in Urban Planning, Architecture & Real Estate Development" by Architect Felino Palafox, Jr. on Day Two; and "Integrated Design & Green Architecture" by Architect Arlindo de Jesus on Day Three.

Those interested to attend the seminars would have to shell out P2,500 per day inclusive of lunch and snacks. WORLDBEX 2011, however, offers an "early bird" rate of only P2,000 per day, or a package rate of only P5,000 for three days. But one seminar that is open to the public is about building safety, which the organizers deem timely considering the accident that happened at a construction site of an Eton building in Makati in January this year, where 10 construction workers perished. As the expo's only free seminar, WORLDBEX Founding Chairman, Mr. Joseph L. Ang, says, "This is our contribution to our industry. We want to share knowledge about what's important when it comes to safety… And anyone can just sit down and listen."

Also jumping off last year's green theme, WORLDBEX 2011 is also beefed up with the introduction of the Green Pavilion. Featuring for the first time a cluster of companies that cater to the green market, expect to find the latest in green products and supplies from companies that have earned their "green certification" with most of the environment-friendly products certified by Green Choice Philippines.

WORLDBEX creative director Jon Richmond Ang notes, "These days, there's also been an increased demand for green technology. As a venue, Worldbex now comes in as the supply side. Here are the green products [that we can introduce to the builders, contractors, etc…]."

This year's expo will also feature the "Furniture Pavilion," which will be showcasing intricate works of movable art in the form of classical to modern day furniture designs. Top furniture makers nationwide will be party of the pavilion as they showcase their works only at WORLDBEX 2011.

Another first-time feature of the expo would be the Developers & Contractors' Pavilion. As a counterpart to the Architects' and Interior Designers' Gallery, which was introduced in 2000, this new Pavilion will house galleries by contractors like the Makati Development Corporation and Rockwell Federated Group of Companies, among others, and developers like the Century's Coast, Megaworld Corporation, Robinsons Land and Nestor Mangio of Lakeshore Developers, to name a few.

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Among the significant sections is the Embassy Pavilion, an event staple since WORLDBEX started in 1996. Explains the senior Ang, "Business people who may be planning to import [materials]… will probably have a lot of questions. By putting the embassies there, in booths they can visit, the embassy people can explain to them directly what steps they have, their products… these busy businessmen don't have to go to their embassy offices. We feel this is one way we are able to reach out to our delegates." Some of the participating embassies are those of Finland, Turkey, China, Australia and the U.S.

But the major highlight for this year is the organizers' intent to entice and welcome a younger demographic who, "a few years from

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now would become professionals," the Worldbex chairman says. As a way of attracting these younger delegates, they plan to set up a 3D wall that would show images and information about Worldbex through the years. At 18m x 7.4m, "it is the longest panoramic video wall ever built in the Philippines," notes the younger Ang, who did most of the research for this feature. The also have the trivia tunnel, about 20 meters long, that would make moving through the exhibit a little more interesting, he adds.

As its piece de resistance, WORLDBEX 2011 also introduces a new competition this year called Obra Maestra, which aims to 'give light to the country's future interior designers as they showcase their works in the PTTC." A competition among seven schools, the organizers divided the different parts of a house and let each school design a room "to get the different schools of thought in design," notes Jon Ang.

The participating schools this year are: the Mapua Institute of Technology, whose students would design the Module 1: Dining Room. Module 2, featuring the Master Bedroom with Toilet & Bath, will be designed by the College of Engineering and Fine Arts students of Colegio Amang Rodriguez Institute of Technology. Students from St. Scholastica's College, meanwhile, will design the Module 3, the Patio.

Module 4: Living Room will be tackled by the College of Fine Arts & Design students of the University of Santo Tomas, while Module 5: Powder Room will be designed by the students from University of the Philippines - Mindanao. The Kid's Room will be handled by the Architecture & Interior Design students of the University of the East, and Module 7: Kitchen would be designed by the students of the Polytechnic University of the Philippines. The organizers are also hoping more schools would participate in next year's Obra Maestra.

In partnership with Wilcon Builders Depot, which has provided most of the finishing materials used by the participants, Obra Maestra will be a yearly competition where the students' works will be reviewed by a prestigious panel of judges. Each student who joins will bring home a certificate of participation, which they can use for their personal portfolio, while winners will get merit certificates, and trophies and cash prizes for their schools—the top pot being P50,000.

The WORLDBEX 2011 stage would also be a venue for academic dissertations, for which the organizers have invited top architectural and interior design students to present their theses. And in keeping with their thrust to provide on-the-job training and hands-on experience to various students of architecture and interior design, as WORLDBEX has done over the years, they have continued hiring undergraduates through the years to do production work for the expo. Aside from allowance, this presents a perfect opportunity for the younger breed of would-be professionals to touch base with companies that could hire them in the future.

All the activities and the highlights of the 16th Philippine World Building and Construction Exposition, as well as its exhibitors and features, are all focused to aid in the advancement of the country's building industry.



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Interior design sketch from participating students.